

**Building a
Community,
in Unity with
Christ**



The Reminder

July

2008

Schedule of Events

July 3—7:30 Grateful
Heart Performance at
Ralston Park

July 4—Independence
Day; Office Closed

July 7-10—7-9 p.m.
Drop off times for Yard
Sale

July 12—9-3 Yard Sale

July 20—11-5 Don &
Millie's Caring and
Sharing Day

July 27—Youth Sun-
day; Healthy Foods
Potluck

Trinity Helps Those in Need

Trinity contributed
\$325 toward the Af-
rican Pension Fund
and collected
\$780.55 for Mynmar
Relief!!

**We have started our
summer worship
schedule! We will
have ONE service at
10 a.m. until Labor
Day.**

REvelations...

A major shift has taken place in the annual gathering of United Methodists in Nebraska. For as long as I can remember, Annual Conference centered around the legislative process of approving the many programs, resolutions and financing of a Conference budget. United Methodists have their share of characters that would rival Terry Carpenter & Ernie Chambers when it comes to debating social issues!

A few years ago, however, more emphasis began to be placed on workshops and speakers that were focused on empower our ministry. This year, following the theme of "Come to the Great Banquet", our studies looked at the spirituality and ethics of food, global food connections & poverty. Did you know that there are over 2000 scripture that deal with food & poverty in the Bible?

The focus of all our legislative work this year is a new structure for the Annual Conference. As of Dec. 31, 2008, all Conference committees, except those required by the Book of Discipline, will cease. A "Common Table" has been adopted which is made up of representatives from three ministry groups: Leadership Development, Congregational Transformation, and Risk Taking Mission & Justice Ministries. Rather than adopt a line-item budget, each ministry group has one fund to distribute among the ministries it oversees.

Over the next six months, the Common Table and the ministry groups will review all of the previous Conference ministries they represent, asking, "Does this ministry fulfill our mission statement? If so, how best can it be accomplished and funded?" Based on the results of this inquiry, the future shape of the Nebraska Conference will emerge.

The Common Table has been in process for three years, and it was evident that good groundwork has been laid. The new plan and its budget were overwhelmingly adopted with only minor amendments.

This is a huge leap of faith for a Conference that has been known to debate the wording of proposed committee programs as if the Kingdom of God were in jeopardy. The old way hasn't worked well for a long time. There was no focus to what we were doing.

There are times when a leap of faith is exactly what God asks us to take, and that time is now. The Apostle Peter did it when Jesus told him to get out of the boat & walk across the water; Moses did it when God told him to return to Egypt; and now it is our turn.

The purpose of the Nebraska Annual Conference is to "make Disciples making a Difference" through lay & clergy leadership development, congregational transformation & risk taking ministry. Whatever shape emerges for the ministries of the Conference, they will all have that purpose in mind; that in our local churches we too will be able to make Disciples making a Difference.

Rev. Nan

Persons to Keep in Prayer:

-**Millie Renno**, 9139 W 50th Ave #201, Arvada, CO 80002
-**Judy & Jon Olson**, 6418 S. 75th Circle, Ralston, NE 68127
-**Nancy Johnson**, 2824 N. 66th Ave. #169, Omaha, NE 68104
-**Dela Polston**, 5710 S. 108th #146, Omaha, NE 68137
-**Frank Johnson**, 7609 Oakwood St., Ralston, NE 68127
-**Ken Anderson**, 16118 Dorcas St., Omaha, NE 68130
-**Cecil Lyman**, 11909 Miracle Hills Dr., Omaha, NE 68154
-**Joan Price**, 918 Michael Drive, Papillion, NE 68046
-**Nina Henry**, 3009 Albert St., Bellevue, NE 68147
-**Bill Naviaux**, 19301 Seward Plz #319, Omaha, NE 68022
-**Joyce Burrell**, 7914 Park Drive, Ralston, NE 68127
-**Earl Pace**, 4740 S. 79th Ave., Ralston, NE 68127
-**Al & Sandy Boone**, 11309 Seward Plz #1513, Omaha, NE 68154
-**Sharon Howarth**, 9109 Tomahawk Blvd., Omaha, NE 68134
-**Betty Stafford**, 4935 S. 121st St., Omaha, NE 68137
-**Ron Jack**, 317 Remington Rd, Papillion, NE 68046
-**Mary McLain** (Mary's son passed away), 12835 Deauville Dr., Omaha, NE 68137



Take a look!

For all my friends at Trinity,

Thank you all so much for all the love you showed me when Mike passed away. The cards, calls, hugs, and kind words meant so much. Also a big thank you to Rev. Nan for her phone calls and support.

God Bless you all, Mary McLain and family

Office Volunteer Needed

Roxanne will be on vacation July 21-25. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the office ASAP. Volunteers must be comfortable using the computer, checking emails and answering phones.

Smart Heart Start

The senior high youth is inviting you to a smart heart start and everyone is invited. This is the healthy replacement for the donuts. There will be breakfast burritos, fruit yogurt parfaits, blueberry muffins, and pomegranate juice. It is a free will donation from 8:30-11:30 on the first Sunday of every month. Come one come all and enjoy some scrumptious, healthy breakfast with your friends.

SUMMER BOOK TALKS

Bring a sack lunch and enjoy discussion of some timely books. Bring your thoughts and questions about the book or just come to listen to the conversation. Discussion will be in the parlor from 11:30-12:30.

July 30 Kabul Beauty School: An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil by Debbie Rodriguez

August 20 TBA

Yard Sale, July 12, 9-3

Donations: Please bring items that are clean and in working order. Children's clothes should be clean and wearable. **NO ADULT CLOTHES OR JUNK PLEASE!**

Drop-offs: Due to the construction, the designated site for your usable, useful and good items this year will be the Fellowship Hall. **PLEASE do not bring items and drop them off in the office or outside the building. Donations will be accepted July 7-10, 7-9 p.m. ONLY.** This makes it MUCH easier on the volunteers who are getting items ready for the sale.

Summer Computer Volunteers

We now have access to a new software program that allows us to map our membership and find out about the demographics of both our membership and our community. In order to use it, we need a volunteer who will enter the names & addresses of all our members. It can be done from a personal computer. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Nan. - This could make great community service hours for a youth!!

Sunday School Teachers

Are you interested in teaching Sunday School? If so, please contact Kevin Hobson, 331-4054.

Donuts

July 6 None Needed
July 13 Bill Dwyer

July 20 Brad Groesser
July 27 Carol Palmeiro

Coffee

Diane/Mel Adams
G. Pearson-Williams/
J. Slavik
Diane/Mel Adams
Terry/Cathy Grage

Liturgists

July 6 Paul Wilson
July 13 Bev Konruff
July 20 Forrest Stowe
July 27 Dee Linse

July Birthdays

1-Zac Dillon
3-Jerilyn Frisbie
De Ann Wintle
4-Susie Wohar
5-Jimmy Young
7-Shon Barenklau
Larry Berray
Stephanie Dye
Steve Gilbert
8-Erin Czarnick
Mark Wohar
10-Glenn Fletcher
Yvonne Hiner
11-Don Miller
12-Katie Keatts
14-Nathan Demarais
15-Linda Koziol
16-Morgan Higgason
Ryen Lubbe
17-Julia Bales
Todd Jasman

18-Laura
Jorgensen
19-Eileen Tiede
21-Ron Hindley
22-Jacob Kinsella
23-Robert Abel
Shari Bible
Roger Brown
24-Save Gage
25-Kathy Braga
Taylor Whitehouse
27-Nick Leyboldt
Ryan Pearson
Megan Sullivan
Jodi York
28-Brad Groesser
29-Bev Sadler
30-Michael Bales
Alex Shannon
31-Diane Demarais

Walnut Creek Amphitheater

2008 Summer Activities
(Site located on 108th St,
south of new Papillion-LaVista So HS)

July 5 Night Wing—USAF—free
July 8-21 "Oklahoma"—Community Theater
July 25 Starlight Movie Series—free
July 26 Brass in Blue—USAF—free

Youth Sunday

July 27

The Youth are planning a dynamic worship service.
Come to worship ready for Christ to speak to you
through young voices and encourage them as they serve
as our spiritual leaders.

Don't forget to tithe your Economic Stimulus
check! \$60 from each adult & \$30 from the
youth in our congregation adds up to great
ministry when we pool our resources together!

Mission Trip to Oklahoma

Rev. Nan is leading a mission team to Cook-
son, OK, July 25-Aug. 1. July 25 & 26th will
be spent at the School of Christian Mission in
Grand Island, attending a course on Native
Americans, taught by an Oklahoma Indian
Mission Conference pastor. The group leaves
from the School to work with Native Ameri-
cans in Cookson.

A flyer is posted on the bulletin board by the
coat rack.

Open House

Celebrating Josh Jasman's
Homecoming, 19th Birthday, and Achievement
of Diploma
Sunday, June 29th 2008
Noon – 2pm
Trinity United Methodist Church in Ralston

Ralston July 3rd Activities

Musical Event

Grateful Heart will be back for a return perform-
ance on July 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Ralston Park.
Bring a lawn chair and come prepared to enjoy
the wonderful music!

City of Ralston and Ralston Archives Mu- seum Pie Baking Contest

Pies (fruit or other – NO cream pies please)
MUST be at Ralston Park (80th and Park Drive)
by 4PM in order to be judged. Pies will be
judged by 3 area chefs and the winners
announced during the City's
"Picnic in the Park."

Following the pie judging, the pies will be sliced
and sold by the slice as a fund raiser for the
Frank & Velma Johnson
Ralston Archives Museum. The museum will
have an open house from 4-6:30 with a Patri-
otic Music Program at 5 p.m. with LaDonna
Johnson and her music students.

July 4th Food Stand

Stop by for lunch and cold drinks!
Plenty of people have stepped forward to
help with setting up and running the stand
until 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the
2-3 p.m. shift and take-down at 3p.m. Sign
up on the clipboard today!



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**Help Clean up the
community!
Watch for a clip-
board to get**

**signed up for the Independence
Day clean-up crew!**

Be one of the first members to wear the "Follow Me to Trinity" t-shirt. We will be taking garbage bags through the crowds during the parade to collect trash. We hope some community members will see this as an excellent example of community leadership and follow us to Trinity.

Anyone who is interested will need to sign up or see Matt Richini to get the T-shirt in the correct size.

Amateur & Professional Photographers

Project Interfaith and the Cathedral Arts Project invite all photographers to participate in the **Images of Faith: Public and Private Rituals Exhibit**. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information!

Summer Music

Make a joyful noise! As we gather to Worship this summer we will be blessed with many different forms of praise! With our hectic lives and busy schedules, we cannot always be available to attend choir rehearsal every Wednesday evening during the school year. So, why not join us to sing one Sunday in the summer rehearsing about 9:20 in the music room?? The music will be easy to read and easy to sing. Please look at the following list of opportunities and see which Sunday you might like to join us:

July 6: Summer Intergenerational Choirdo you just like to sing? Join us in the choir room about 9:20.

July 13: Holy Ground ~ Do you play an instrument? We welcome new members! We also rehearse on most Wednesday evenings @ 7 pm during the summer. We warm up on Sunday mornings @ 9am.

July 20: Instrumental music with Amanda Hindley

July 27: Sacred/Liturgical Dance with Kelsee Barenklau & Rachel Wintle
Dance to the music of Mercy Me....Who am I..

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Summer Worship 10:00